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LR 370

will be referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. President, LR 370 is ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 370. (See page 2125 of the Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to override the Governor's line-item veto with regards to the University of Nebraska for all campuses as well as the Central Administration.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, obviously this is one of the larger items, \$2.4 million, but it is not \$2.4 million but a whole series of very important related instructional, primarily instructional benefits to students that added up altogether. It comes to \$2.4 million. As indicated yesterday in the case of the University and it was true of the state colleges by the way, but they have had virtually no increase in operating costs since fiscal year '81-82 essentially by virtue of the midyear reductions that had to be made because of revenue problems in '81-82 and '82-83. They have had no increase in purchase for utilities the past two years, a time when the index, at least higher education index would indicate utilities have increased 8 percent over that time frame and incidentally the higher education costs for operating costs over the same time frame which the University received no net increase was 17 percent. The veto is such there will be no increase in operating costs this year for academic computing that's instructional and those usage costs are increasing. We have had to increase in a number of places. As I indicated yesterday, the Governor's original budget did permit a 7 percent increase in that although his veto took it back out, but the individual programs which I think are the significant ones, \$200,000 goes to the College of Engineering technology. This was specifically added in the committee because of the findings of the Governor's task force in communications and information systems technology,